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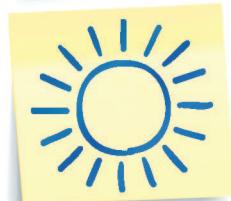
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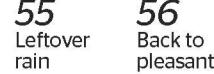
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FRIDAY

Hawking explains no-God theory about the universe

Theology is unnecessary. So says Stephen Hawking, the world-famous physicist who controversially argues in a new book that God did not create the universe.

"God may exist, but science can explain the universe without the need for a creator," Hawking told CNN's "Larry King Live" in an interview that aired Friday.

Hawking, 68, says in his book "The Grand Design" that, given the existence of gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing.

SUNDAY



REUTERS

Residents return after gas line explosion

Three days after a massive gas line fire decimated part of a California neighborhood, residents on Sunday were being allowed to survey the damage firsthand.

The number of people missing in the aftermath of the fire has grown to six, San Bruno Police Chief Neil Telford said.

The official death toll from the blaze stands at four, according to a statement released by the city of San Bruno late Saturday.

Release possible for U.S. hiker

Sarah Shourd, one of three American hikers detained in Iran for more than a year, could be released as early as Sunday or Monday, an Iranian lawyer representing the hikers told CNN on Sunday.

"Everything is in place for the release," said lawyer Massoud Shafii, who saw the hikers for the first time Sunday. "It's up to the family when to deliver the money."

Igor gains steam

Hurricane Igor ballooned into a major Atlantic Ocean hurricane Sunday with top winds of 140 mph, but remained far from land, the National Hurricane Center reported.

As of 4 p.m. Sunday, the storm was about 1,065 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands and was moving west at about 14 mph, the center reported. Forecasters described it as "large and powerful."

Weekend rewind

A lot can happen in three days. Here's a breakdown—in case you missed the news. [CNN](#)

SATURDAY



Family and friends remember victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at a rally Saturday in New York City. [REUTERS](#)

Trapped miners get cigarettes

The 33 miners trapped for more than a month in Chile have received a power line that will allow them to install electric lights in their shelter 2,300 feet underground, mining officials said Saturday.

Officials are also granting the miners' request for cigarettes. Rescuers are sending down two packs a day to be split between the miners who want to smoke, Chilean Health Minister Jaime Manalich said. [GETTY IMAGES PHOTO](#)

**Kentucky gunman kills 5, self**

A man in Kentucky shot and killed five people before turning the gun on himself after a domestic dispute on Saturday, Breathitt County Sheriff Ray Clemons told CNN.

The gunman was identified as 47-year-old Stanley Neace, said Trooper Jody Sims of the Kentucky State Police, which took over the investigation.

Clemons said Neace's wife and stepson are among the dead. The shooting happened around midday at a mobile home community of about a dozen trailers.

Rallies held on anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks

On the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, President Obama reiterated that America is not at war with Islam but with al-Qaeda's "sorry band of men which perverts religion."

Speaking at a commemoration ceremony Saturday at the Pentagon, where American Airlines Flight 77 struck and killed 184 people and five hijackers, Obama said America would hold strong to the values and virtues that have defined the nation.

"They may wish to drive us apart but we will not give in to their hatred and prejudice," Obama said as controversy swirls around a proposed Islamic center near ground zero in New York and anti-Muslim sentiment is running high among Americans.

It was not religion that attacked the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001, Obama said. It was al-Qaeda.

Hours after families remembered those killed nine years ago in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, the nation's debate over a proposed Islamic center and mosque that may be built only blocks from ground zero played out Saturday at opposing rallies.

New York City police kept rallies and participants away from each other. They reported no incidents.

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Chicago's next mayor wields a scepter

Political shock waves continue to ripple through Chicago following Mayor Daley's announcement that he will not seek re-election. Suddenly, every Chicago pol who's bided his or her time through Daley's six terms sees an opportunity.

Let me save you some suspense, Rahm Emmanuel: Hell yeah, this means I'm running for mayor of Chicago.

That's right. And not just because "Markley for Mayor" has a nice alliterative ring to it. I got a platform. I got ideas.

You may be saying, "That's preposterous. Wasn't your last column called 'Eat Pray Perform Disgusting Sex Act'? How could you possibly be qualified to be mayor?"

But that's easy. Being a politician and effectively running an executive office have nothing in common, so I'll just do unpopular things that are good policy and go back to being a RedEye columnist when I can't get re-elected.

Crime gotcha down? I'll form a partnership between local universities and the Chicago Police Department—modeled after the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence—to study urban violence and separate dangerous repeat offenders from minor players, while also emphasizing treatment, education and job placement for non-violent offenders.

Education stinks? My administration will rip out failing schools in favor of schools modeled after Englewood's Urban Prep Academy and the Harlem Children's Zone.

Budget troubles got us in a funk? That's cool because I'm going to ram through a bill to tax Chicago's carbon emitters. Once they get their heads out of their butts, the federal government is eventually going to do this anyway, so Chicago businesses and residents can get used to it in advance. It also will jump-start my pet projects: a Lake Michigan wind farm, and solar plants on some of the city's Brownfields.

Also, I'd like a scepter. A big one. With a snake carved out of obsidian coiled around the head.

Furthermore, I have no intention of raising any money, and I can't be bought by the private interests because, let's face it, Bud Light is still my drink of choice. I'm the most incorruptible candidate alive.

Yes, I understand that all provocative writings I've penned now will be fair game for my opponents to slander me, but hey, at least I won't sell the city's parking meters for \$1.87 and some Bazooka Joe bubble gum (the approximate value of Mayor Daley's 75-year deal).

Still, I realize I'll have to beat a lot of scandal. Luckily, my sex life is non-existent right now—plus old girlfriends can attest there wasn't a whole lot to write home about in the first place. That has to count for something, right? I say if you're terrible in bed, sexual affairs don't matter.

Finally, I'm going to run for mayor because my mom loves the idea. When I told her, she said, "Oh, good. Then at least you'll have a job."

And a badass scepter, Mom. I'll also have my badass mayor-python scepter.



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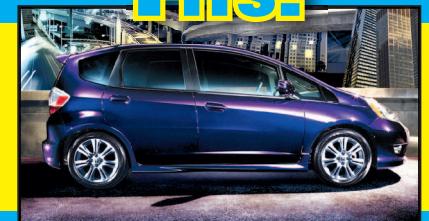
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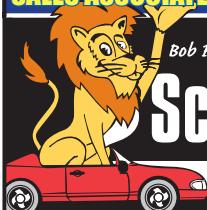


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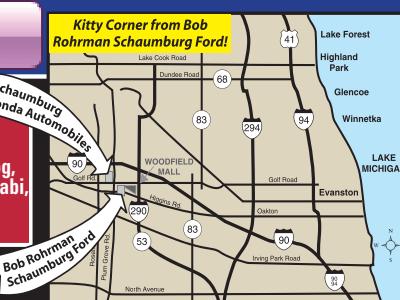
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City building inspectors look over the scene of a porch collapse Sunday in the 3700 block of North Ashland Avenue. The collapse sent four people to the hospital, a Chicago Fire Department spokesman said. **NANCY STONE/Tribune**

Four injured in late-night Lakeview porch collapse

Chicago Tribune

City building inspectors were at a Lakeview building looking over the scene where a porch collapsed Sunday morning, injuring four people, officials said.

The accident happened about 1:20 a.m. About eight people were standing on a rear porch deck in the 3700 block of North Ashland Avenue when it separated from the building and collapsed, Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said.

Investigators on Sunday morning were surveying the scene, which was marked off with blue and yellow tape from the backyard up to the third-story wooden porch. Beer bottles and cans were still sitting on a second-story railing.

An inspector, who declined to give his name, said the department never has received complaints about the building.

9 INJURED AFTER PORCH FALLS IN TINLEY PARK

Nine people were injured Saturday in Tinley Park when a porch collapsed in the Odyssey Club subdivision, officials said.

A group of people was standing in the yard of a townhouse in the 0-100 block of Illad Drive, under a second-story wooden deck, when it collapsed about 5:30 p.m., Tinley Park Village Manager Scott Niehaus said.

It was not immediately known what caused the deck to fall, he said. The nine injured were taken to hospitals as a precaution because the group mostly was composed of senior citizens, he said.

Ed Frankowski and Amy Freelund, who share an alley with the Ashland Avenue building, were coming home around midnight when they noticed a large crowd on

the back deck.

"I thought there were too many people out there," Frankowski, 25, said of what looked to be about a dozen people gathered on a small porch.

Frankowski and Freelund didn't witness the collapse, but they did hear ambulance sirens racing to the scene less than 90 minutes later, they said.

"Thankfully, it wasn't worse," said Freelund, 26.

Four people, all adults, were transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Langford said. One was taken in serious-to-critical condition while three others were hospitalized in fair-to-serious condition, Langford said. Four additional people refused medical attention, he said.

The building is a two-and-a-half-story structure. There also was a roof deck that was compromised, officials said.

Little Village man held on child porn charge

Allen Morales, 23, of Little Village, was charged with aggravated child pornography after an undercover police investigation found "thousands of images" on the man's computer depicting children in sex acts, prosecutors said Sunday.

Alderman threatened while walking in parade

A 42-year-old man from Pilsen was charged with threatening Ald. Danny Solis (25th) as the alderman was walking in the Mexican Independence Day parade Saturday, police said Sunday.

Firefighter hurt in fire

A Chicago firefighter was hurt Sunday morning when a deck collapsed beneath him at the site of an apartment fire in Englewood, officials said. The injury did not appear to be life-threatening.

Parents charged in son's death

The mother and father of a 3-month-old boy who died from abuse last week were charged Sunday. April Bainter and Joel Ballard, of the 900 block of West 32nd Street, were charged with aggravated battery and endangering the life of a child.

Boy, teens hurt in shooting

A boy and two teens were shot Saturday in Back of the Yards, police said. A 10-year-old boy was shot in the leg, a 15-year-old boy was shot in the back and a 16-year-old girl suffered a gunshot wound to her leg. Their conditions were not immediately known.

Officer shot on South Side

A Chicago police officer was shot near 75th Street and South Shore Drive about 7 p.m. Saturday, and his partner fired at the gunman before the suspect fled, police said. The officer is expected to recover fully. **TRIBUNE**

"I'll make a decision about making an announcement for mayor sometime in the near future, but today what I'd like to see is can a candidate in one day get the requisite 12,500 signatures? I think we can."



—U.S. REP. LUIS GUTIERREZ (ABOVE), GATHERED SIGNATURES SUNDAY TO GET ON THE BALLOT FOR CHICAGO MAYOR EVEN AS HE SAID HE HASN'T MADE A DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO RUN FOR THE JOB MAYOR DALEY IS VACATING NEXT YEAR

Celebration puts Mexico's best foot forward

Chicago Tribune

Surely the Mexican government views the news coverage as better when it revolves around a cellist from Monterrey rather than a drug lord from Tijuana.

"It isn't just better. It is fair," argued Manuel Rodriguez Arriaga, Mexico's consul general in Chicago. "Often, the bad news dominates the information and the good realities, the good news, are not the main story."

Mexico is trying to burnish a somewhat tarnished national brand with a bicentennial celebration stretching over several months that will peak in a massive bash Wednesday at Pritzker Pavilion featuring ballerinas, mariachis and classical music.

Community leaders in Chicago are embracing the festivities amid serious challenges facing a population that has become a demographic force through a wave of immigration and, now, a swelling population of Mexican-Americans younger than 18.

Community leaders say a nationwide backlash against Mexican immigration echoed by some local residents makes Pritzker Pavilion a good choice for the traditional "grito,"

a shout of "Viva Mexico" that re-creates the one that launched the fight for independence 200 years ago.

The Millennium Park venue shows that Mexicans, like other immigrant groups before them, have arrived, those leaders say.

All immigrants, "sooner, rather than later, become part of the mainstream," Rodriguez said.

Sylvia Puente, executive director of the Chicago-based Latino Policy Forum, said generational progress is not necessarily guaranteed for Mexican-Americans born in the U.S. Puente said she worries about high dropout rates among Mexican-Americans, many of whom are the children of immigrants. Although most public debate revolves around illegal immigrants, more than 63 percent of the Chicago area's Mexican community are U.S. citizens.

About two-thirds of native-born Mexican-Americans in the Chicago area are younger than 18. So as the community celebrates this week's milestone, Puente said, the defining chapter of their narrative will be written by these youths.



Dancers perform Sunday in the Mexican Independence Day parade in Little Village. The parade was one of several local events celebrating Mexico's bicentennial. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

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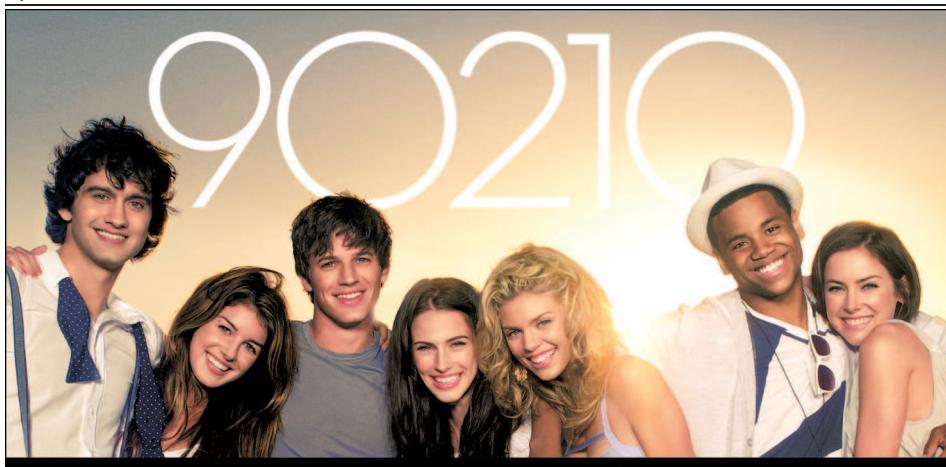
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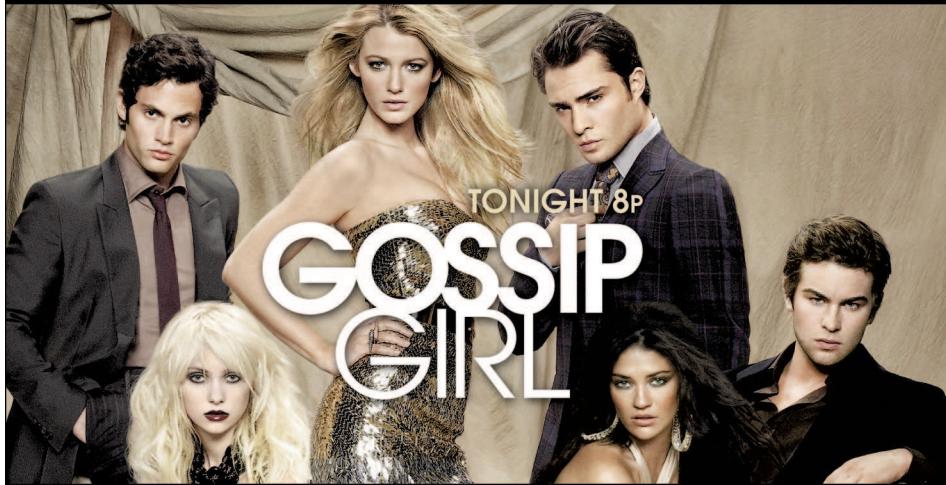
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"He's looking at it. He loves the city of Chicago, no doubt about it. He's got a difficult decision to make."

—White House adviser David Axelrod to NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday on White House Chief of Staff **Rahm Emanuel's** (above) interest in running for mayor of Chicago

11 injured in boat crash

1 Eleven people were transported to hospitals Sunday after two boats crashed near the Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge north of Dallas, authorities said.

Envoy arrives in S. Korea

2 Stephen Bosworth, Washington's point man on North Korea, arrived in Seoul, South Korea, on Sunday to discuss the resumption of the six-party talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program, South Korea's official Yonhap news agency reported.

Man charged after explosion

3 A man arrested and charged with weapons violations after a small explosion at a Danish hotel was carrying identity papers from three central European countries, police said Sunday. Police said the man allegedly caused an explosion Friday in the basement bathroom of the Hotel Joergensen in central Copenhagen.

Fire aboard reality TV boat

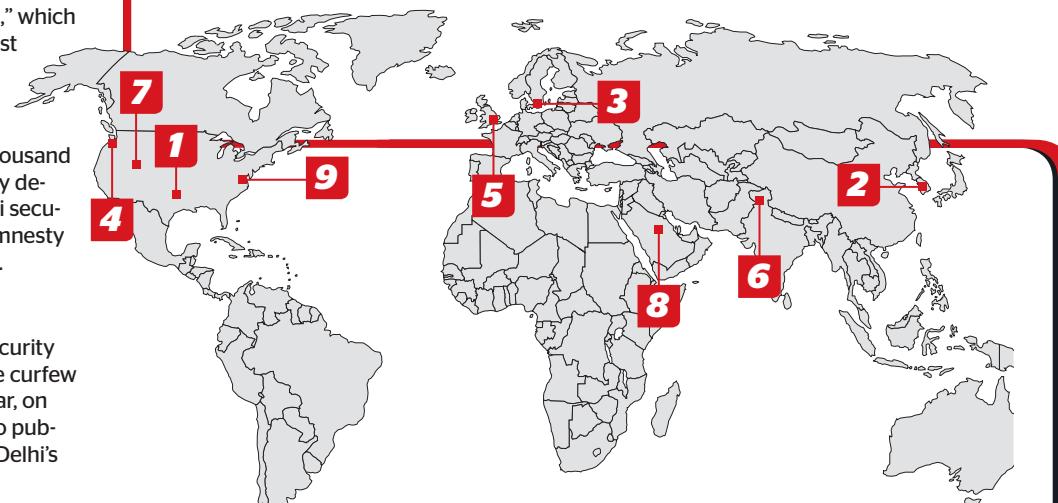
4 About 100 Seattle firefighters descended on the Interbay neighborhood early Sunday to put out a large fire aboard a fishing vessel called the "Arctic Dawn," which has appeared in episodes of "Deadliest Catch."

Group alleges Iraqi abuse

5 The U.S. has released several thousand Iraqi prisoners into Iraqi custody despite documented evidence that Iraqi security forces have abused detainees, Amnesty International said Monday in London.

India institutes curfew

6 India deployed thousands of security forces and slapped an indefinite curfew on Kashmir's summer capital, Srinagar, on Sunday, a day after Muslims set fire to public buildings in protests against New Delhi's rule, officials said.



Second fire strikes Colo.

7 Residents displaced by a giant wildfire near Boulder, Colo., began returning home Sunday while, 40 miles to the north, another fire forced evacuations west of Loveland.

Six fire agencies, including the Loveland and Berthoud fire departments, responded to a 40-acre brush fire near Flatiron Reservoir, local authorities said.

A spokesman with the Loveland Fire Department said there were an unspecified number of evacuations and at least 100 homes may be threatened. At least one

structure has been damaged, the city of Loveland said in a statement.

City officials ordered anyone within a four-mile radius of the affected area to evacuate. Video images showed aircraft dropping bright orange retardants on the blaze, and the flames from the fire could be seen for miles. The fire's cause was not immediately known.

Meanwhile, a large wildfire that consumed 160 homes and caused a large evacuation may have been sparked by a fire pit, a law enforcement official told the

Denver Post in a report published Sunday. The newspaper did not name the official. Authorities previously said the fire may have started after a vehicle crashed into a propane tank.

The Boulder County Sheriff's Office "is not going to release anything about the cause and origin of the fire until they have the evidence to support their conclusions," county spokeswoman Barb Halpin said.

The firefighting team expects to fully contain the Fourmile Canyon fire late Monday or Tuesday.



8 Tip of the cap

Two girls play with hats Sunday at a shop in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. **REUTERS**

Tea party activists rally in Washington

9 **WASHINGTON** A damp and enthusiastic crowd of self-proclaimed "tea party patriots" gathered at the U.S. Capitol building Sunday for a second straight Sept. 12 march on Washington.

The collection of disparate groups and individuals, all supportive of the tea party movement, came together to protest what they consider to be out-of-control spending, excessive taxes and a government run amok.

Under the theme of "Remember in November"—a reference to the upcoming midterm congressional elections—they warned both Democrats and Republicans that it was time for the American people to take back Congress.

"There's only one power on Earth that is big enough to wreck this country, and that's big government," said former House leader Dick Armey, chairman of the Freedom-Works group that organized the rally.



Members of the tea party and other activists gather Sunday at the "Remember In November" rally. **GETTY IMAGES**

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RedEye's sports crew predicts the score of the Bears game every Friday, and we don't let them off the hook. Here's how they compared with Sunday's 19-14 Bears win.



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Prediction:
Bears 23, Detroit 16



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Bears 14, Detroit 10



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Bears 31, Detroit 20



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Prediction:
Bears 28, Detroit 13



Bears cornerback Tim Jennings celebrates Lance Briggs' sack of Detroit quarterback Shaun Hill on Sunday. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE

MINNESOTA 9
NEW ORLEANS 14

CLEVELAND 14
TAMPA BAY 17

MIAMI 15
BUFFALO 10

CINCINNATI 24
NEW ENGLAND 38

INDIANAPOLIS 24
HOUSTON 34

DENVER 17
JACKSONVILLE 24

ATLANTA 9
PITTSBURGH 15 (OT)

OAKLAND 13
TENNESSEE 38

HAND IT TO 'EM

CONTROVERSIAL CALL GIVES BEARS SEASON-OPENING WIN

RedEye

In the annals of ugly wins, this one might be the ugliest.

The Bears avoided an embarrassing loss to the Detroit Lions in their season opener Sunday at Soldier Field, with the aid of a controversial ruling in the final minute that preserved a 19-14 win.

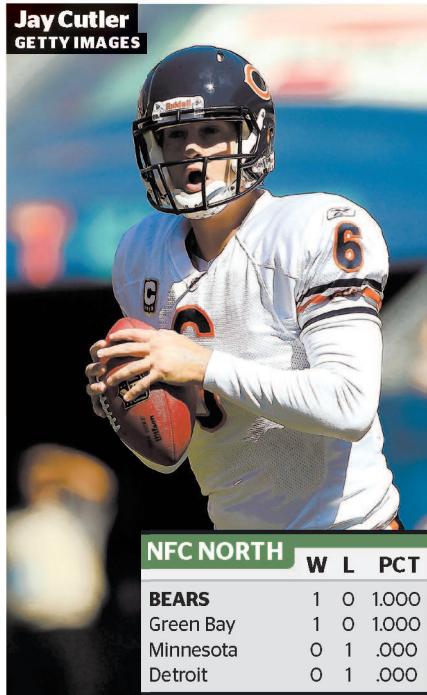
With starting quarterback Matthew Stafford on the sideline for the entire second half, the Lions appeared to score a go-ahead touchdown with 24 seconds left when Shaun Hill passed to Calvin Johnson in the end zone. Johnson came down with the ball but then dropped it, and an official review upheld the ruling on the field of an incomplete pass.

"It's the rules. They come to training camp every year and they give us new rules, and that was one of them," Bears quarterback Jay Cutler said. "I mean, sorry for Calvin, good for us, I guess."

"A win's a win. We're going to take it any way we can get it. That's the only thing they score—wins and losses."

Cutler connected with Matt Forte with 1:32 left in the fourth quarter for the game-winner in front of 59,281 fans.

"I knew it was man-to-man coverage because the safety walked up, so I knew either him or the linebacker had me," Forte



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said. "I went around him and Jay made a great throw and I caught it."

The win, however, most likely will do little to calm fans rattled by a shaky performance over an injury-saddled Lions team.

The Bears trailed 14-13 at halftime, roaring back with 10 straight points late in the

second quarter after falling behind 14-3. The third quarter was scoreless as turnovers stymied the Bears.

The Bears missed a golden opportunity to take the lead when linebacker Lance Briggs sacked Hill, forcing a fumble that Briggs recovered at the Lions' 1-yard line with 10:37 left in the fourth. Yet the Bears were unable to score.

Two runs by Forte and an incomplete pass set up a fourth-and-goal. Coach Lovie Smith decided to go for it on fourth down. Forte was stopped yet again, and the Lions retained their 14-13 lead.

Cutler agreed with Smith's decision.

"The defense was playing great," Cutler said.

"They played great the whole second half, they kept us in it. They are the reason we won the game. I think that Lovie [Smith] had all the confidence in the world that if we didn't make it that we would pin them down there. Getting four chances and not being able to punch one in is inexcusable."

Stafford injured his right shoulder on a second-quarter sack by Julius Peppers and was ruled out for the game early in the third period as he sat along the sideline with his shoulder in a sling. Stafford completed 11 of 15 first-half passes for 83 yards.

Welcome back, Vick

Kevin Kolb's loss was Michael Vick's gain. Kolb, Philadelphia's starting quarterback now that Donovan McNabb is in Washington, left Sunday's game with a concussion, opening the door for the maligned Vick. Vick, however, couldn't write a fairy-tale ending to his story. The Eagles were beaten by Green Bay, despite Vick's electric scrambling.



OH YES! Arian Foster

The Houston running back was the man crush of fantasy footballers all over, and he paid off with a huge day: 231 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

OH NO! Michael Turner

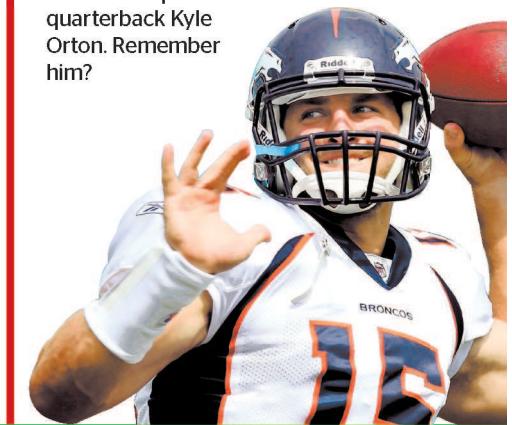
One of the top running backs in the league looked like 2009 Matt Forte. Atlanta's runner managed just 42 yards on 19 carries for an average of 2.2 yards per carry. Ugly.

UH-OH! Ryan Grant

Green Bay's starting running back limped to the sideline after an 18-yard gain and then to the locker room with his right shoe off. Gotta tie those laces tighter, brotha.

TEBOW-BY-BLOW

Tim Tebow's NFL debut was meh. The much-hyped former Florida Gator carried the ball twice out of the Wildcat formation for Denver, gaining a yard each time. Tebow, by the way, is the backup to Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton. Remember him?



bear hunting

Good Bears, bad Bears and Bears who went down this week.



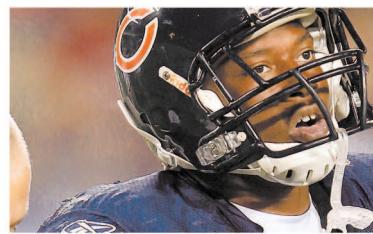
YUMMI BEAR Matt Forte

Who needs a No. 1 receiver? The Bears running back caught seven passes for 151 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winner.



POO BEAR Devin Hester

Speaking of No. 1 receivers: One catch for 17 yards? Unsubscribe.



GRISLY BEAR Nick Roach

The linebacker left the game with a hamstring injury. Fortunately, that didn't leave the Bears hamstrung.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

CAROLINA 18
N.Y. GIANTS 31

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GREEN BAY 27
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| 1 The first weekend of NFL football is like ... | ... Christmas morning. Immaculately wrapped presents turn into a pile of trash by the end of the day. | ... the first Jager bomb of the evening. There will be good and bad times to come, but you're still pumped. | ... bingeing on a box of Ho Hos. Love it at first but regret it later. | ... like warm apple pie. | ... a rocky marriage. It's good, it's bad, it's ugly. |
| 2 What's your game-day tradition? | Frantically checking the stats of every game in action to feed my fantasy obsession. | Whiskey. Food. Trash talk. Curse words. Repeat. | See No. 1. | I love to paint myself up. Wait, that's actually my normal Wednesday. | For Bears games, it usually means throwing my remote at my flat-screen TV. |
| 3 One weekend into the fantasy football season and my team ... | ... looks like Lovie Smith is coaching them. | ... looks goood, baby! I knew drafting Jason Campbell first would pay off. ... Wait, what? | ... already has me cursing in three languages. | ... didn't go for it on fourth down at the goal line. Maybe I should coach the Bears! | ... is curled up in the fetal position, crying with Calvin Johnson. |
| 4 What's one sign the White Sox are out of the playoff picture? | Sox players were tweeting about the Bears between innings. | Let's not BS here, people. Baseball ends when the Bears start. | Sox fans don't show for the games. Oh, wait, that's every game. | Ozzie's taking advice from Lovie. | The only fireworks at U.S. Cellular are coming from Ozzie's mouth. |
| 5 How are Chicago sports like the MTV Video Music Awards? | The VMAs robbed Calvin Johnson too. | I'll have an opinion about it the next day but most likely won't know what the hell I'm talking about. | Do they even play videos on MTV? How about sports in Chicago? | MTV loves Gaga. Our teams like to Gag, gag. | The hype always exceeds the reality. |

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Tiger Woods (left)
and Phil Mickelson
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MICKELSON CAN'T UNSEAT TIGER

Even when Tiger Woods loses, he wins.

Phil Mickelson missed another chance to end Woods' record 273-week run atop the Official World Golf Ranking. He finished in a tie for eighth at 4-under par after a

final-round 67. Mickelson needed to finish second in the tournament to move up one spot to take over No. 1 in the world for the first time.

Better luck next time, Lefty.

WHITE SOX 12, KANSAS CITY 6

The White Sox entrusted rookie Lucas Harrell with the finale of the Kansas City series Sunday, knowing it was just one more "must-win" before the Twins visit Tuesday. The Sox did win, 12-6, although Harrell was long gone by the time it was over.

MILWAUKEE 2, CUBS 0

The Brewers manipulated the roof at Miller Park on Sunday so the shadows didn't interfere with the batters' sight. It didn't help either team's offense much, but Milwaukee managed to beat the Cubs 2-0 to avoid a sweep.

» The U.S. won its first basketball world championship since 1994, beating Turkey 81-64 behind Kevin Durant's 28 points. The Bulls' Derrick Rose scored eight points on 4-of-11 shooting and had six assists.

FINAL SCORE: » Rain pushes U.S. Open men's singles final to Monday. » Fernando Alonso wins Italian Grand Prix. » MRI shows Illinois receiver Eddie McGee does not have a high ankle sprain.

Woods eliminated

Tiger fails to advance in PGA's 'playoffs'

Dustin Johnson didn't have to worry about any bunkers Sunday in Lemont.

Johnson won golf's BMW Championship to climb to second place in the FedEx Cup standings ahead of the final playoff event, the Tour Championship, with Tiger Woods failing to qualify.

Johnson, 26, birdied the 17th hole to take the outright lead at 9-under par and made par at the 18th for a final-round 69 at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club.

The victory comes after Johnson's final-day disappointments at two of the year's major championships. In June, he held a three-shot lead heading into the final round of the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach and shot 82 to tie for eighth. A month ago, he missed a playoff at the PGA Championship after being assessed a two-stroke penalty for grounding his club in a bunker at the 18th hole of the final round.

The top 30 players in the FedEx rankings advance to the season finale Sept. 23-26 at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. The No. 1 player in the standings after the Tour Championship receives a \$10 million bonus.

Woods, the FedEx Cup winner in two of the past three seasons, began the BMW Championship 51st in the standings and needed to finish in the top five to be among the 30 qualifiers.

Woods, who won a fifth BMW Championship last year for his 71st and most recent victory on the PGA Tour, shot a 1-under-par 70 in his final round to finish in a tie for 15th place at 1-under par.

Woods said he'll spend the next two weeks preparing with swing coach Sean Foley for the 38th Ryder Cup, which takes place Oct. 1-3 at Celtic Manor Resort in Wales.

"I can practice at home with Sean in peace and away from everybody and put some work in and also work on my short game and my putting, things I've not been able to do out here," Woods said.

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By Greg Walker

Most everyone can name at least one biggie Chicago venue to see decent, albeit sometimes expensive, live music. But when it comes to sans-ticket shows at a local bar, it gets a little harder. Here are some of our favorite new and classic spots offering live tunes throughout the week.

Temple Bar

3001 N. Ashland Ave.
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Tunes: Blues, rock, acoustic, folk

Vibe: Casual hoodie pub in Lakeview that doesn't require a love of Guinness to fit in.

Night to go: Friday or Saturday. Don't expect a ton of cover bands here during this two-day live showcase. Past acts have included acoustic rock from Gareth Woods and folksy blues from Sarah & The Tall Boys. Bonus: \$4 vodka lemonade Fridays and \$4 Blue Moons and \$1.50 mini-burgers Saturdays.

Quenchers Saloon

2401 N. Western Ave.
773-276-9730

Tunes: Indie rock, open mics, jazz

Vibe: Laid-back Bucktown dive that's been around forever and continues its legacy with bands, beer and colorful characters.

Night to go: Thursday. Quenchers' music cred is solidly secured thanks to a classically jam-packed week of live tunes. If you're confused about which night to go, Thursdays rock hard with local up-and-comers such as the Swan King and Scale Music. Through the beginning of October, try any of six new IPAs tapped weekly as part of Hop Fest.

Honky Tonk BBQ

1213 W. 18th St. 312-226-7427

Tunes: Blues, rock, country and bluegrass

Vibe: Finger-lickin' barbecue bar in Pilsen with a kicky soundtrack thanks to weekend tunes coveted by in-the-know cool kids.

Night to Go: Saturday. Honky Tonk offers live music starting at 7:15 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, but the scene really percolates on the weekend with increasingly great bands. See Long Gone Lonesome Boys on Saturday and Get up with the Get Downs on Sept. 25. Don't forget to sample the award-winning barbecue before the kitchen closes at 11 p.m.



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The Whistler

2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530

Tunes: Indie rock, jazz

Vibe: Inherently hip Logan Square scene ruled by indie-rock artist types swilling craft brews and handcrafted cocktails.

Night to go: Tuesday. Shake up the early weekday blahs with eclectic music from local bands. The Whistler stages live acts most Tuesdays-Thursdays, but if you're hoping to snag a signature, fabulously inexpensive cocktail (\$8) without much of a wait, this is the night to go.

Beauty Bar

1444 W. Chicago Ave.
312-226-8828

Tunes: Rock, hip-hop, dance

Vibe: Glittery, retro salon-themed club in West Town adheres to your dancing, cocktail-sipping and fingernail-pampering needs.

Night to Go: Tuesday or Wednesday. The music schedule is constantly changing, but if you prefer a band to a DJ, show up around 10 p.m. for featured acts rocking out goth, garage, psychedelic and more. While you're there, snag \$2 PBR tall boys Tuesdays and a Budweiser draft and shot of Jim Beam for \$5 on Wednesdays.

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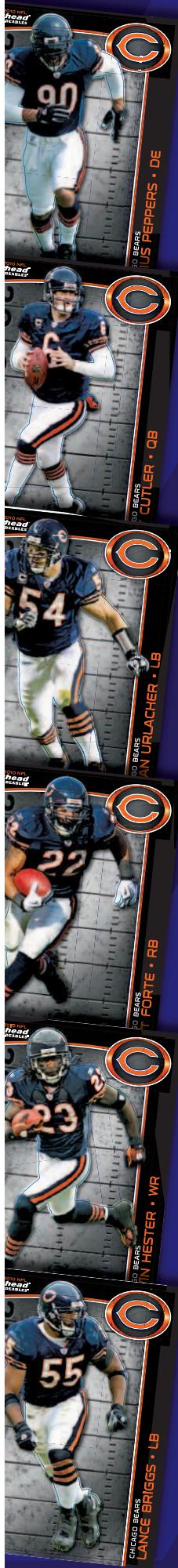
Tunes: Modern jazz

Vibe: New low-key lounge in Pilsen to sip on a cocktail by candlelight.

Night to go: Friday or Saturday, the only nights open for now. The main draw is live music, including buzzing Chicago acts Cherisse Scott and Tkumah Sadeek, so class yourself up, take a seat and bask in the laid-back vibe with a smooth cocktail.

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That's all, folks

VMA host Handler sticks it to the stars; Kanye West's finale fizzles

By Curt Wagner | REDEYE

Kanye West on Sunday closed out the "2010 MTV Video Music Awards" with a performance of his song "Runaway" and an apology to Taylor Swift.

West was roasted throughout the show for interrupting Swift at last year's event. He jumped on stage after Taylor Swift was announced as the winner for best video over Beyoncé. The Chicago native took heat from host Chelsea Handler, other artists and Swift earlier in the show, which offered few outstanding performances. Florence and the Machine and Usher were highlights.

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE WHATEVER

Chelsea Handler bagged on everyone from Lindsay Lohan to the cast of "Jersey Shore." Lady Gaga wore something outrageous. And Justin Bieber indulged his pre-pubescent fans. Did we miss anything? Here are the highs and lows. c.w.

HIGHLIGHT

House music

Handler appeared onstage to the tune of "Bad Romance" and wearing a dollhouse over her head and releasing a dove from her nether regions.



Par for the course

During her early remarks, Handler mocked the usual suspects, including Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga, The Situation and Taylor Swift.

"Get your tongues ready because I want one shoved someplace it's not supposed to be," she said. "I'm talking to you, Taylor Swift." She suggested Swift flash a nipple too. She really wanted Swift to do something raunchy.

She also took aim at the



cast of "Jersey Shore." "Don't applaud," she said to the crowd. "They're the reason MTV doesn't play your videos!"

HIGHLIGHT

OMG!

Ke\$ha and Trey Songz introduce Usher. She can't actually read the cue cards, and he

introduces Ursh. But Usher blows all the previous performers away with his singing of "OMG!" and dancing and very cool light show. Go Usher!

Em has left the building

Katy Perry and Nicki Minaj present the best male video award. Eminem wins for "Not Afraid," but he already has left the building after his performance. Is he embarrassed?

Overdone much?

The VMAs really, really, really want viewers to know that viewers are tweeting ... about the VMAs. They mention it about 50 times during the broadcast.

HIGHLIGHT

Comeback kid

Eminem's comeback performance looked good—with images of fire on the screens behind the rapper and singer Rihanna, who was wearing a wedding dress and red wig. But I can't help but think they were lip-synching, which really bothers me.



LOWLIGHT

'Jersey' bore

Handler thanks the cast of "Jersey Shore" for dumbing down America, then she jumps in a hot tub on stage with them. Why does anything the cast of "Jersey Shore" does make me want to throw up?



Bieber fever

Best new artist goes to Justin Bieber. Whatever. "Wow, thank you so much everybody," Bieber says. "This means a lot to me; it means a lot to my family." Of course it does. Meal ticket, y'all.

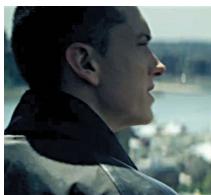
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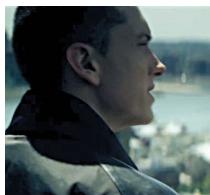
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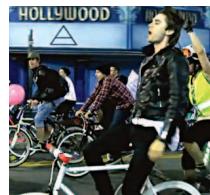
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"Baby"



BEST DANCE MUSIC VIDEO
Lady Gaga,
"Bad Romance"



Lady Gaga #2



Lady Gaga #3



Lady Gaga #1

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a rooster! It's Gaga, in a head-to-toe homage to late designer Alexander McQueen.



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Who stood out on the VMA white carpet?



Florence Welch

The Florence and the Machine singer gives new meaning to golden girl.



Rosario Dawson

The actress is sleek, simple, sizzlin' in purple.



Katy Perry

The strategically placed lace and white skirt is hot in a "Look ma, I tattooed my boobs," kind of way.



Ke\$ha

Something stinks. We're guessing it's Ke\$ha's dress, which was made out of garbage bags.

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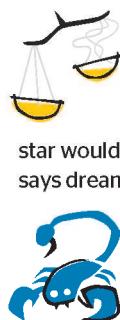


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Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

With Mercury direct, your monthlong migraine is over. At last you can have a reasonable conversation with your partner that doesn't end in fisticuffs or hurt feelings. This is a good time to repair what is left of your relationship.



Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You're wondering if your current relationship is the best you can do. Maybe a supermodel would date you, if only you would break up with your gal pal. Perhaps a hip-hop star would sign you to his label if only you'd ditch your boyfriend. Mars says dream on.



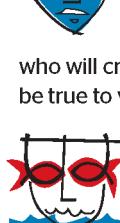
Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 21

As Mars enters your sign, you're feeling more assertive. You'll fearlessly ask six people out for a date instead of sitting at home sucking your thumbs. Although you might strike out two, three or four times, the fifth time could be the charm.



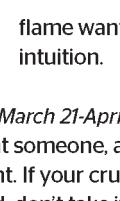
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Sometimes you're the only one who gets your jokes. The moon is reminding you that, much as you like to make funny and sarcastic comments about people, the object of your insults might not think you're so funny. Don't let your sarcasm spoil a nice date.



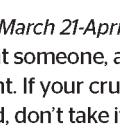
Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Don't let tribal pressure screw up a good thing. Your mom wants you to marry a doctor, but you're dating a barista. Your dad wants you to settle down with a breeder type who will crank out five kids, and you are child-free by choice. Venus says be true to yourself.



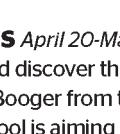
Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You're overcome by a powerful psychic connection with someone. You're convinced that your sexy neighbor is sending you erotic dreams. You're certain that your former flame wants to get back together with you. Mars says listen to your intuition.



Aries March 21-April 19

You want someone, and you want him or her very badly. Mars is making you impatient. If your crush of the moment is unavailable, uninterested or otherwise engaged, don't take it personally. Sometimes the timing isn't right.



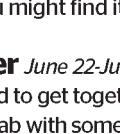
Taurus April 20-May 20

You could discover that someone from your past is nursing major hots for you. Johnny Booger from the seventh grade dreams of marrying you. Or Lusty Linda from high school is aiming her passion in at you. Pluto is making things weird.



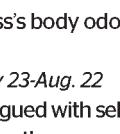
Gemini May 21-June 21

With the moon opposite your sign, you're going through one of your "I'm afraid of commitment" episodes. Too bad you're married with 10 kids. Whatever your situation, you might find it difficult to extricate yourself. Proceed cautiously.



Cancer June 22-July 22

You need to get together with a friend and bitch about stuff. Venus is encouraging you to gab with someone you trust. Talk about your lover's sexual inadequacies or your boss's body odor. Laughing about your situation will make you feel better.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

You're plagued with self-doubt, thanks to the sun. You're wondering if your partner has been faking those orgasms. Or you're worried that that bloating situation has morphed into a "she's a total fattie" crisis. Things probably aren't as bad as you think.

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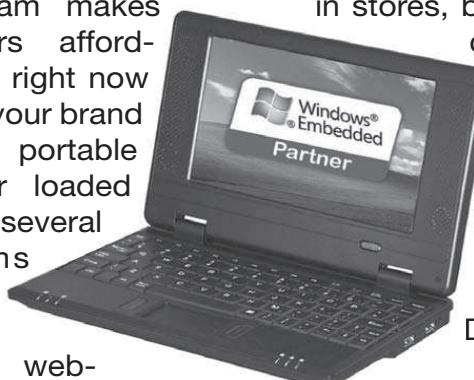
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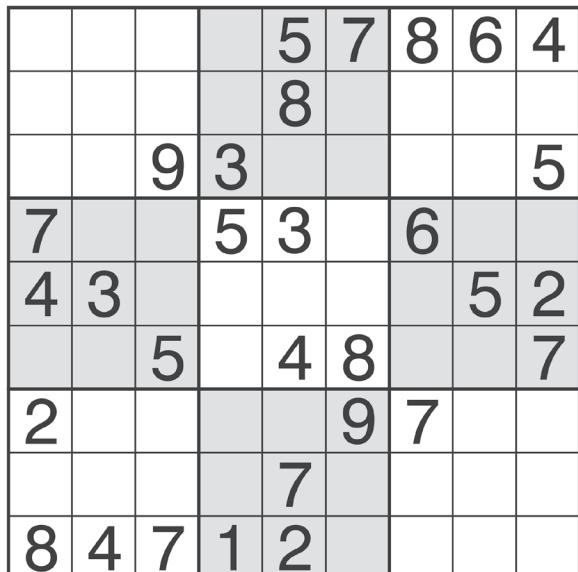
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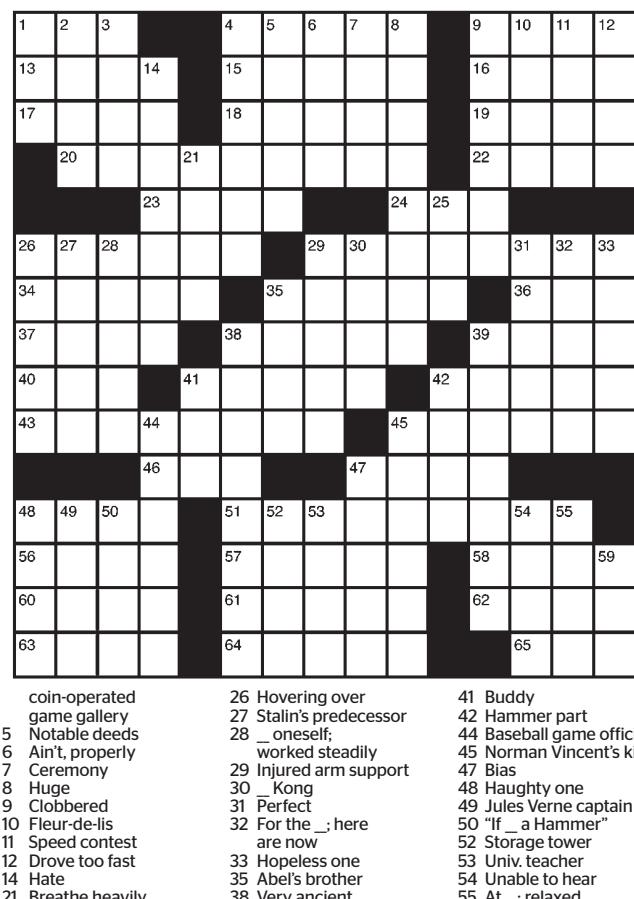
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- 1 Bit of sooty residue
- 4 Blazing
- 9 Gentlemen
- 13 _tea
- 15 Varnish ingredient
- 16 Pitfall
- 17 Uncommon
- 18 Division of a long poem
- 19 Condoleezza
- 20 Splash with a liquid
- 22 Like garage sale items
- 23 Cushions
- 24 TV's Bernie _
- 26 Of a European range
- 29 Outrageous
- 34 Brute
- 35 Pull; influence
- 36 "Zip-a-Dee- _Dah"
- 37 A single time
- 38 Aches
- 39 Nashville's state: abbr.
- 40 Compete
- 41 _up; mention
- 42 "War and _"
- 43 Lasting
- 45 Paring knife
- 46 May honoree
- 47 Seldom _; rarely observed
- 48 Small piece
- 51 Promenade
- 56 Drink for Radar on "M*A*S*H"
- 57 Like infectious diseases, often
- 58 _up; prepare
- 60 Gen. Bradley
- 61 Without companions
- 62 Simple
- 63 Foreshadow
- 64 Upper rooms
- 65 Charge

DOWN

- 1 Broadcast
- 2 Strikebreaker
- 3 In this place
- 4 Video _;
- 5 Notable deeds
- 6 Ain't, properly
- 7 Ceremony
- 8 Huge
- 9 Clobbered
- 10 Fleur-de-lis
- 11 Speed contest
- 12 Drove too fast
- 14 Hate
- 21 Breathe heavily
- 25 Play division



- 26 Hovering over game gallery
- 27 Stalin's predecessor
- 28 _oneself; worked steadily
- 29 Injured arm support
- 30 Kong
- 31 Perfect
- 32 For the _; here are now
- 33 Hopeless one
- 35 Abel's brother
- 38 Very ancient
- 39 _ years; adolescence
- 41 Buddy
- 42 Hammer part
- 44 Baseball game official
- 45 Norman Vincent's kin
- 47 Bias
- 48 Haughty one
- 49 Jules Verne captain
- 50 "If _ a Hammer"
- 52 Storage tower
- 53 Univ. teacher
- 54 Unable to hear
- 55 At _; relaxed
- 59 Bread variety



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Meraz, who plays Paul, one of the werewolves, cost \$50. Four women attended the private meet-and-greet with both actors, which cost only \$250 per ticket.

What was the meet-and-greet like?

Well, it was sort of like the Champagne room in a gentlemen's club. The guests dropped some serious money for alone time, the first few minutes were a little awkward and the flirting felt forced.

The two actors did most of the talking and discussed past and upcoming projects. When Facinelli realized the women hadn't seen many of his past films, he joked, "Why did you pay to sit here if you haven't seen me in anything but 'Twilight'?"

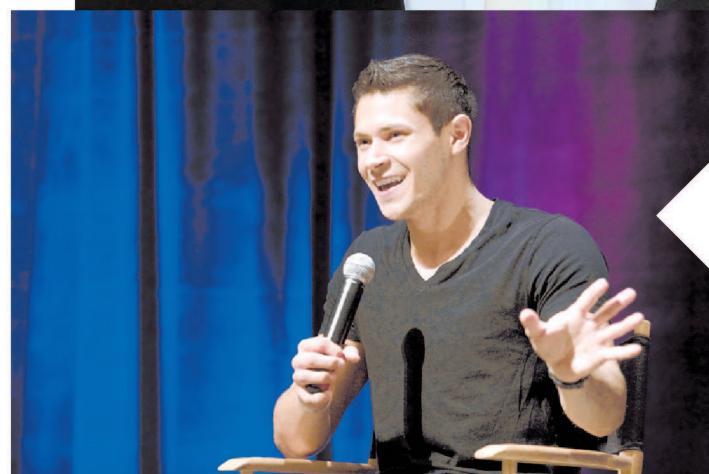
Like Facinelli, Meraz also took part in a Q&A session during the convention. He was asked about getting approached by "Dancing with the Stars," where he stood on the "Twilight" vs. "Harry Potter" debate (people debate this?) and what his wildest encounter with a fan was.

"In Atlantic City, this girl waves me over," Meraz said in front of the audience, which was full of teenage girls and their moms. "... She says, 'Know why I like the Wolf Pack?' I said 'no' and she goes, 'Because I like it doggy style.'"

» For more Luis, go to chicagotribune.com/aboutlastnight.

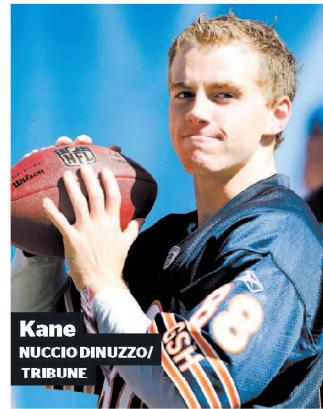


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Alex Meraz (the Wolf Pack's Paul) speaks during a "Twilight" convention Friday at the Westin O'Hare in Rosemont.

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SIGHTINGS

- » Patrick Kane hung out at Enclave on Saturday.
- » The L.A. Lakers' Luke Walton and the San Antonio Spurs' Richard Jefferson hit Cuvee on Saturday.
- » Former "Miami Vice" star Don Johnson, the Bears' Chester Taylor and the Blackhawks' Duncan Keith dined separately Friday at Japonais.
- » The White Sox's Gordon Beckham was spotted at Rockit Bar & Grill in River North on Thursday.
- » The Milwaukee Bucks' Drew Gooden and the Dallas Mavericks' Shawn Marion stopped by Hub 51 on Friday.
- » Marion, Walton and actors Larenz Tate and Bill Bellamy watched the New Orleans Saints-Minnesota Vikings game at Bull & Bear on Thursday.
- » Former Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash tweeted about his visit to Delilah's on Wednesday. "Delilah's in Chicago has an amazing Rock/Metal playlist ... I was just playing pinball there. Badass!" Slash tweeted.
- » Jay Cutler dined with former "The Hills" star Kristin Cavallari and three other people at Market in the West Loop on Sept. 6.
- » The Miami Heat's Juwan Howard had dinner at Sunda on Sept. 6.

ABOUT THIS WEEK

- » White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen hosts a benefit concert at the River East Arts Center on Monday featuring salsa artists Ruben Blades, Tito Nieves, Gilberto Santa Rosa and 8 Y Mas.



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Aretha Franklin (below) wants Hollywood to show her some R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

The Queen of Soul sent out a news release in which she picks her dream cast to star in a biopic based on her life, the Detroit Free Press reports.

Atop the list is Halle Berry (right), who would play a young Franklin. Also appearing on her wish list are Oscar winner Denzel Washington (who would play her father) and Terrence Howard (who would play Smokey Robinson).

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Oprah's last dance

The guest list for Oprah Winfrey's final season, which starts airing Monday, has been guarded more closely than some state secrets. But we do know at least one person who'll be joining her—John Travolta. In a recently released video of the first episode, the actor dances in with Chicago's media queen, according to The Associated Press.



Pratt fall?

Spencer Pratt has nosed his way into the news again. The former "Hills" personality allegedly was nailed for illegal possession of a firearm in a Costa Rican airport, [tmz.com](#) reported Sunday. Pratt released a bizarre statement to the site saying that he was in the country living off the land as part of a "spiritual cleansing" and mistakenly brought his "hunting weapons" to the airport. Stay tuned.

No more 'Heroes'

"Heroes" won't be getting a chance for redemption—at least, not if NBC has anything to say about it. [Ew.com](#) reports the network has decided not to option a movie that would wrap up the four-year series, which was canceled in May after a few clunker seasons. Guess we'll never know whether saving the cheerleader saved the world.

Zac rocks new look

Zac Efron (right) sported a beard and moustache Saturday in France at a promotional event for "Charlie St. Cloud," [usmagazine.com](#) reports. Initial public reaction: Shave it off. According to the website's less-than-scientific poll, 74 percent of readers voted that Efron needs to get rid of the facial fur.

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